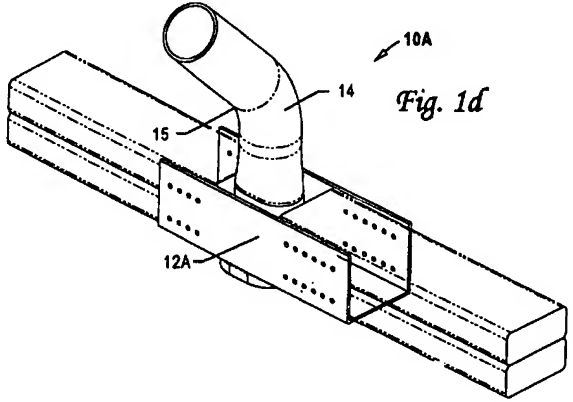
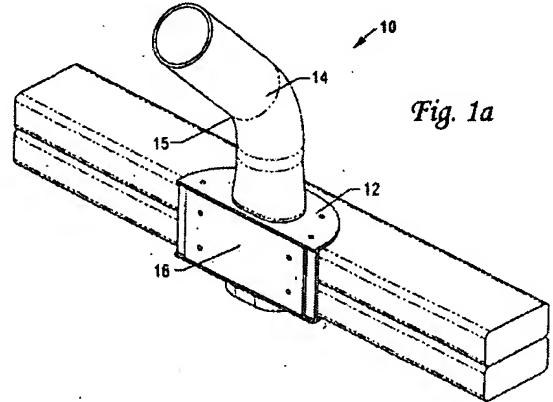


CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-8

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-6 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,671,974. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant would direct Examiner's attention to the chart below which differentiates the two embodiments from one another.

Appl. Ser. No. 10/684,075	U.S. Patent No. 6,671,974
 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fig. 1d</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fig. 1a</i></p>
<p>1. A guide for aiding in the installation of refrigeration lines through a partition comprising in combination:</p> <p>an attachment bracket comprising a planar surface having an aperture formed therethrough, and bounded on a first edge by a first planar side piece and bounded on a second edge by a second planar side piece, said side pieces being generally parallel to one another and extending generally perpendicularly from a face of said planar surface, and</p> <p>a guide tube having opposite distal ends defining a passageway therethrough and an axial orientation which changes over its length, wherein said guide tube is secured in the aperture formed in said planar surface so that a first distal end of said guide tube is on a first side of said partition and a second distal end of said guide tube is on a second side of said partition.</p>	<p>1. A guide for aiding in the installation of refrigeration lines through a partition, comprising in combination:</p> <p>an attachment bracket having a planar surface bounded on a first edge by a first planar side piece and bounded on a second edge by a second planar side piece, said side pieces each having an aperture formed therethrough and being generally parallel to one another and extending generally perpendicularly from a face of said planar surface, wherein said first side piece is positioned on a first side of said partition and said second side piece is positioned on a second side of said partition; and</p> <p>a guide tube having opposite distal ends defining a passageway therethrough and an axial orientation which changes over its length, wherein a length of said guide tube is positioned between the apertures formed in said first and second planar pieces so that a first distal end of said guide tube is on said first side of said partition and a second distal end of said guide tube is on said second side of said partition.</p>

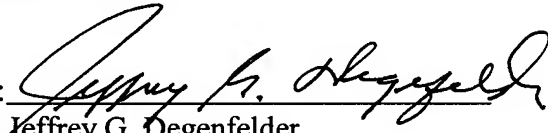
Thus, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is not warranted. Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over references cited by Examiner and is now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests consideration of the application and allowance of the claims. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Jeffrey G. Degenfelder at 972.367.2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payments that may be due for additional claims to Deposit Account 50-0392.

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